

**Abstract**

The present invention relates to a pair of underpants comprising a front part, a back part, a crotch part and two leg holes delimited by the parts, and  
5 releasable connecting means for connecting the crotch part to the front part and allowing an opening to be formed in the crotch area, said releasable connecting means extending from one leg hole to the other and comprising two parts one overlapping the other in the closed condition wherein the ends  
10 of a part of said releasable connecting means are provided with flexible protection means.